

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Laos

a. The muddle in Vientiane is not likely to be clarified soon.

b. The "revolutionary military committee"--the general's group--is pressing Souvanna to revamp his cabinet, government structure, and army promptly along lines they urged on him earlier this week.

c. Souvanna, however, is in no hurry

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The military committee in turn has announced that meanwhile it will continue to run the show.

d. The Pathet Lao, of course, say that any change in the government violates the Geneva accords. They want another three-faction summit.

e. Kong Le, yesterday, voiced support for the compromise reached in Vientiane, and, insofar as one can count on anything in Laos, this should ease friction between rightist and neutralist troops outside the capital.

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f. Peiping has injected a new note by saying the situation in Laos is "inseparable" from the US policy of "aggression and intervention" in South Vietnam and Cambodia.

g. This is a most explicit repudiation of Souvanna's claim that while he was in Peiping two weeks ago the Chinese agreed with him that the problems of Laos are separate from those of Cambodia and Vietnam.

2. Zanzibar

a. Zanzibari Foreign Minister Babu arrives in Nairobi this afternoon and is returning to Zanzibar tomorrow.

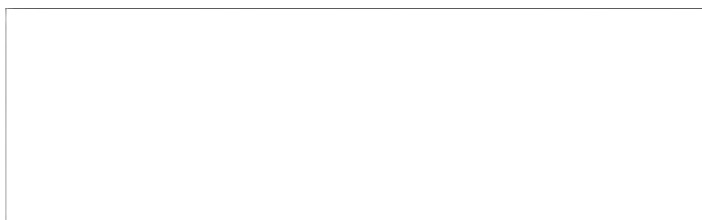
b. On his departure from Pakistan, he told the press that he favored the idea of union with Tanganyika.

c. On the surface, this would appear to reduce the likelihood of an immediate showdown, but we doubt that Babu would say anything else if he wanted to get back in.

d. Kambona is also in Nairobi today for more talks with Kenyatta. He most likely will meet with Babu while there.

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e. Kenyatta has agreed to the commitment of British troops to disarm Babu's followers, provided Nyerere or Karume ask for them.



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g. Nyerere remains confident all will go well.

h. Articles of union which he and Karume signed on Wednesday are still being debated by government parties both in Dar-es-Salaam and on the island, and this has delayed ratification, perhaps only until tomorrow.

i. Karume is to become first vice president of the union government under Nyerere. Zanzibar will retain a large measure of autonomy in local affairs while foreign affairs, defense, internal security, finance, and planning will be managed from Dar-es-Salaam.

3. France - Sino-Indian
Border

a. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] De Gaulle has proposed to Nehru that a neutral commission be formed to mediate the Sino-Indian border dispute.

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c. The Chinese Communists have encouraged mediation proposals, which give them a chance to appear reasonable, but they have refused to accept binding arbitration and still do.

d. Nehru would be reluctant to reject the idea outright but has political problems to contend with on this issue and will probably stall.

e. We think De Gaulle is trying to demonstrate the validity of his propositions that if the Chinese can be brought out of isolation, they will behave.

4. Indonesia-
Malaysia

a. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Singapore Socialist Front [REDACTED] is
[REDACTED] willing to support
Indonesian terrorist operations
in Singapore.

b. Djakarta also continues,
with some success, to recruit
terrorists from among Malayan
and Singapore Communists.

c. These are mostly Chinese.

5. USSR

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6. Cyprus

a. Turkish Cypriots, reflecting the hardening of Ankara's position, are being more difficult.

b. UN mediator Tuomioja has been unable to loosen the hold of the Turkish army contingent on the Nicosia-Kyrenia road.

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NOTES

- A. Panama The possibility of serious violence grows as the May 10 presidential elections draw near. Arnulfo Arias, who has strong support among the poor, is clearly widening his lead and this has the entrenched oligarchy worried. They are likely to resort to stronger, more flagrant steps to prevent his election, which could in turn provoke massive disorders.
- B. Congo The loose collection of exiles operating against the Adoula government out of Brazzaville, which calls itself the "Committee of National Liberation," may be ready to try something soon. It probably cannot pull off a coup, but it might be able to murder Adoula or Mobutu and thereby bring on chaos. [REDACTED]

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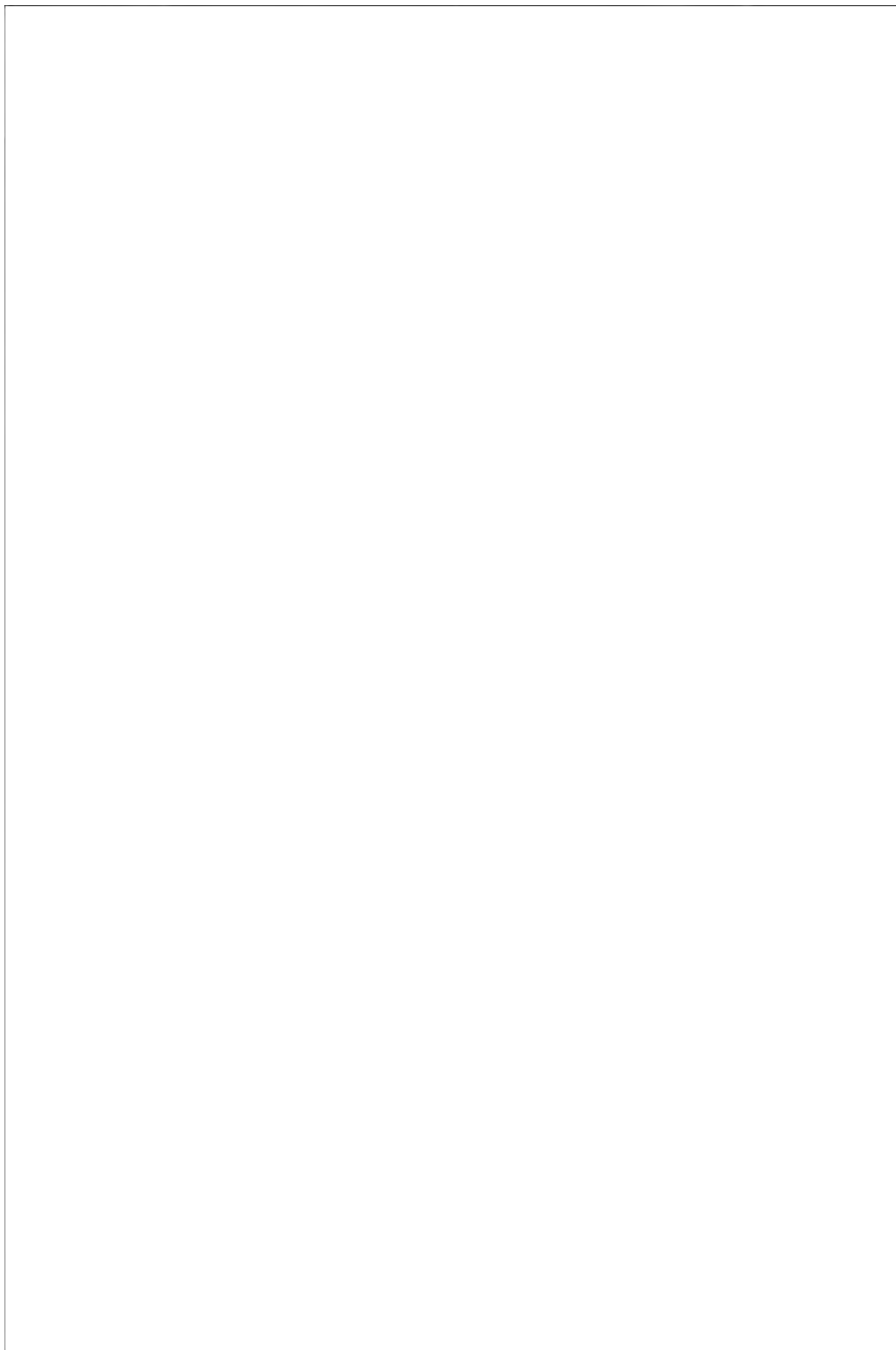
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